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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3738**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0286

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Jonathan STINSON) Group Art Unit: 3738 .
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Application No.: 09/972,054) Examiner: B. Snow
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Filed: October 9, 2001)
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For: A MEDICAL STENT WITH A)
VALVE AND RELATED METHODS)
OF MANUFACTURING)

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to final Office Action of December 22, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application. Please amend claims 31, 54, 64, 70, 76, and 91, as follows: